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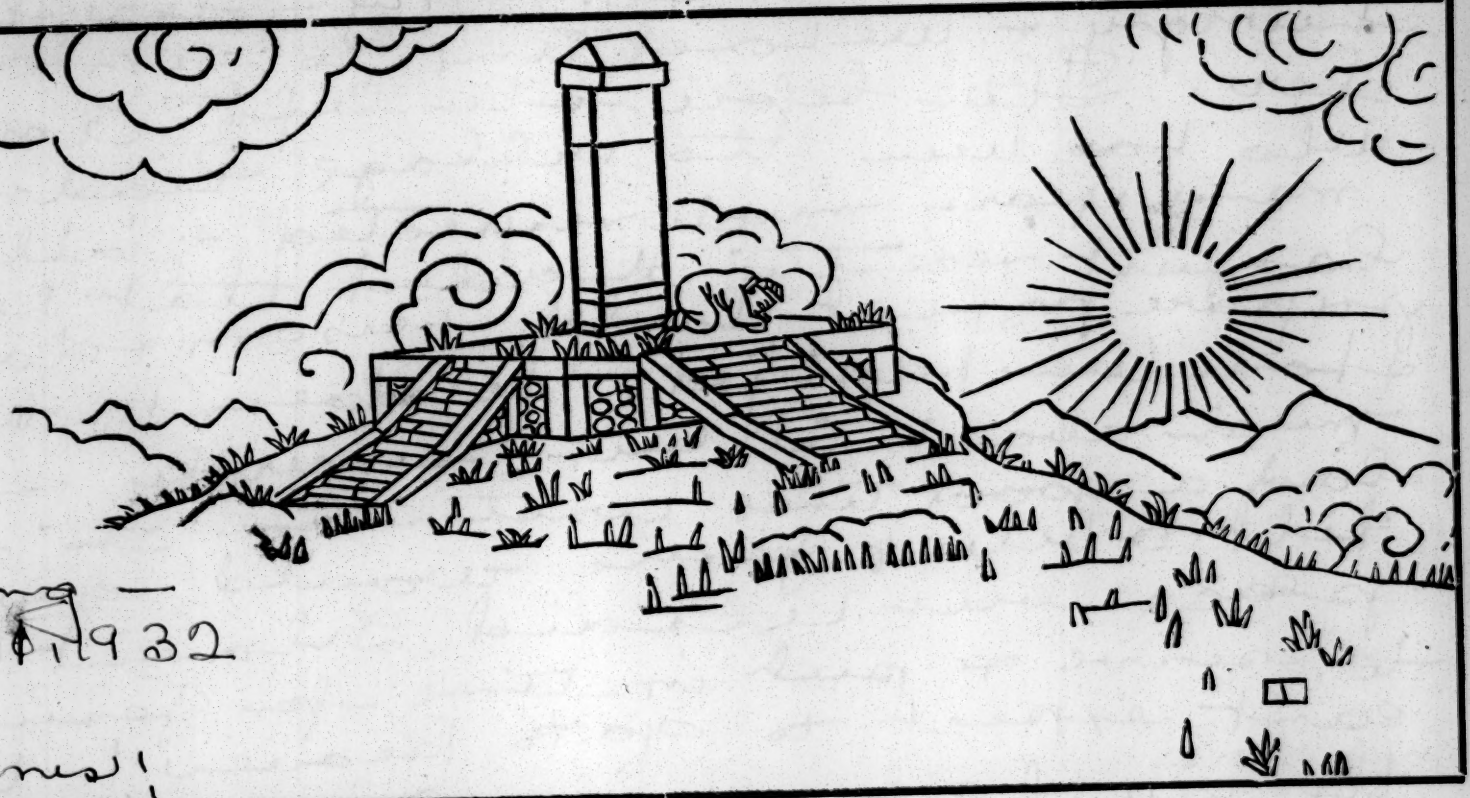


Altar of Sacrifice
on
Tai Shan

Han Chuang —
October 14th 1932

Dearest Ones!

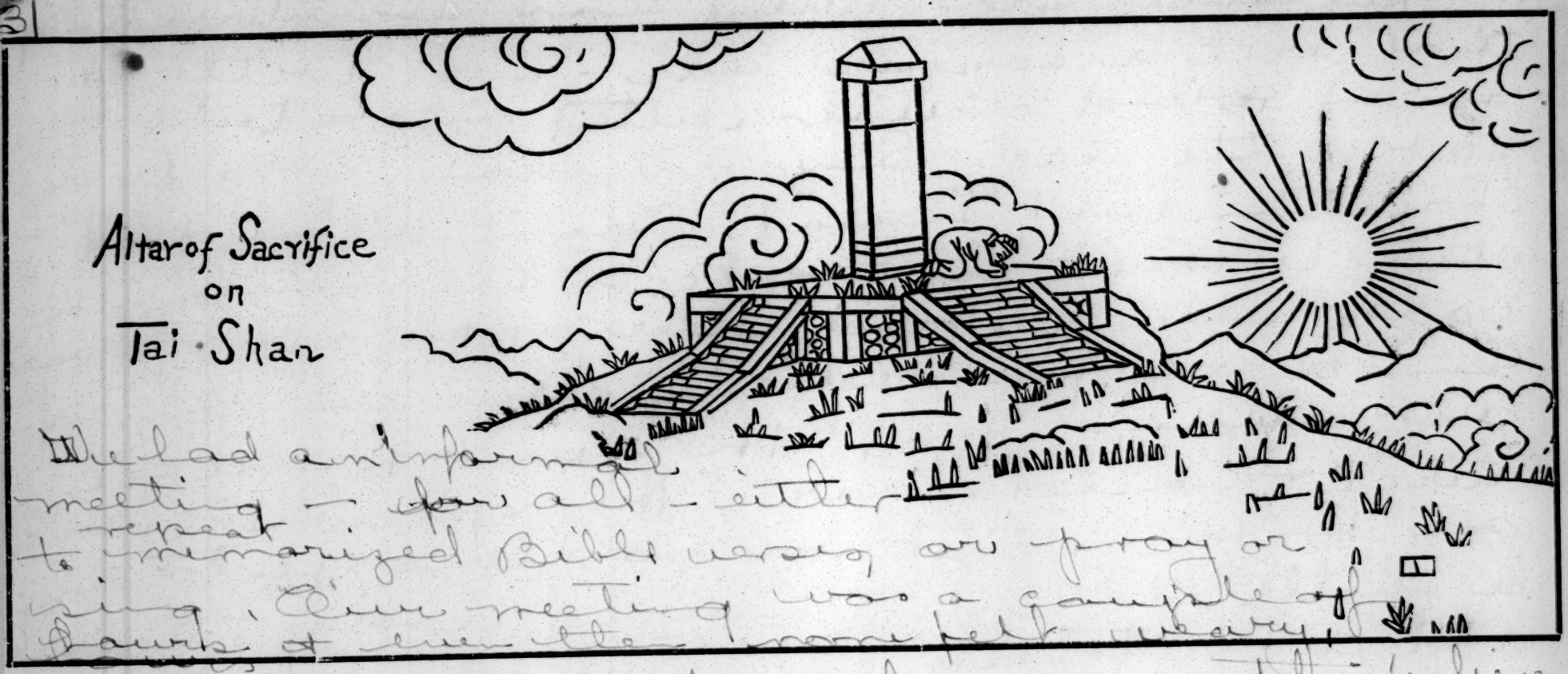
Time this morning for a wee visit. How the days have flown & they have been happy ones too! We were at Boshan over Sunday. This is such a busy time of the year that we can't have regular classes in the day time but we were busy all the time talking with those who came in & the Master truly sent some hungry souls.

Saturday a.m. miss Hsu decided to go to Tsingtao so we hustled her off. The cook was going to carry her over the river & had made one trip across with her basket when Mr. Chang came with a mule & he rode mare they will put up a bridge but would love to either be carried, wade or go on animals. A Mrs. Wang said she was coming to bring a friend to talk — so we got back from the river She was there, her. She formerly taught to do as the Buddhist's - sit in meditation to become an immortal — While she didn't go all

2) the way to conversion! My dear heart was hungry & we had time to explain all to her. Then before we left Arnold gentle man who has been the village headman for many years much respected & influential & he has just recently declared that he must now prepare for next world, his son & daughter believe & have been baptized, he doesn't understand much about it but sincerely seeking. We had a good time with him to - he had pledged himself would give him present to serve & put in time for Jesus then I can't expect to go to Heaven! We had the joy of assuring him of the salvation of Jesus that is complete & covers all!

These days have been full - of this kind of work. Praying for this sick one, with that one who came to confess sins. I think I told you that one morning a group of women came & each one in Bible class mins had led & the group of men confessed sins in prayer, with tears. Nothing emotional nor sensational but the quiet work of the Holy Spirit. I think the new emphasis on their memorizing Bible verses - That began by the plan of giving out the G.S. pictures for a certain number of verses. We feel that we must emphasize this more & more for the word of God is powerful!

Monday we packed up our things - oh I meant to tell you of Sun. eve. We didn't divide but all met together & there were non-Christians too - many



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We had an informal meeting — for all — either repeat to memorized Bible verse, or pray or sing. Our meeting was a couple of hours & even then none felt weary.

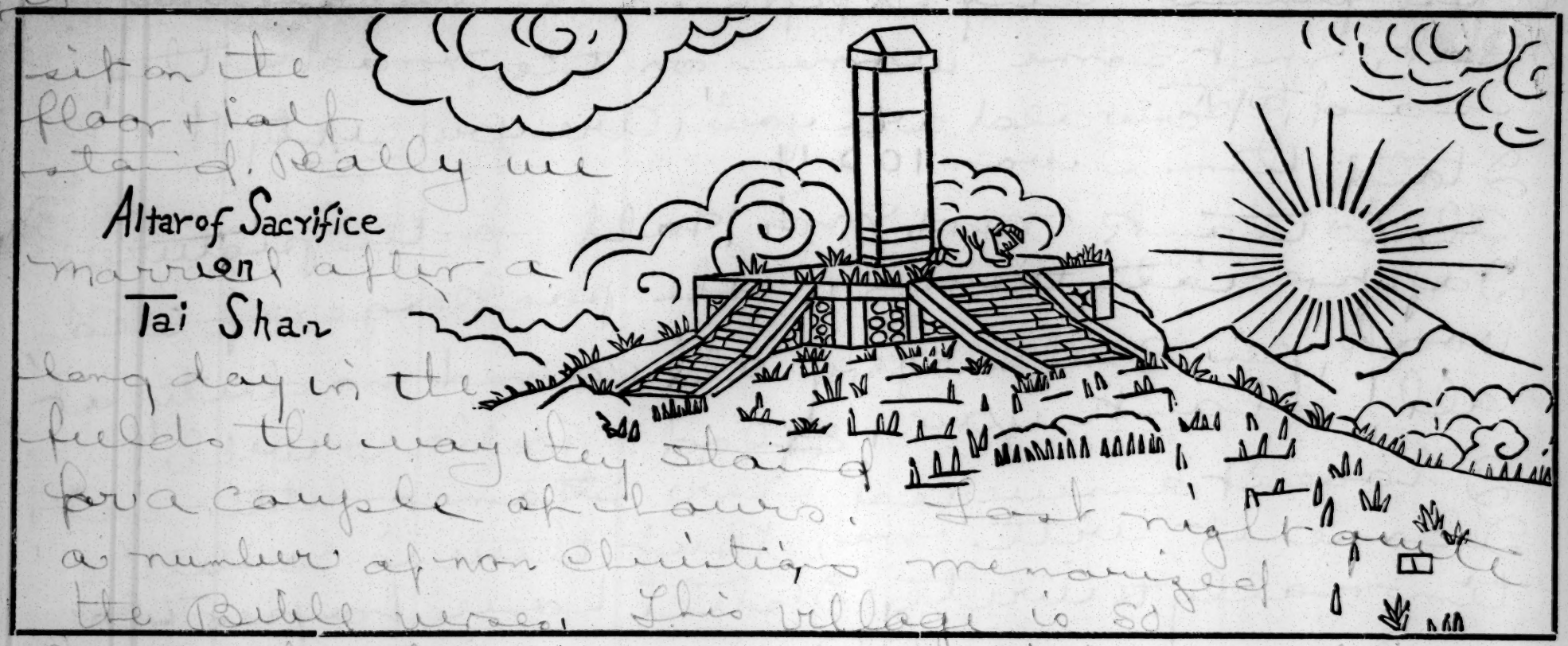
A number who had rather recently believed got up before all & confessed Christ told how much Christ had done. Several man especially was pitifully convicted of sin. He'd been baptized some years ago but he felt all of the sin like a stone in his heart for a couple of days he didn't eat nor sleep & looked miserable! He asked if he could come to our room & confess his sins — What a torrent it was — no wonder he was miserable! The new peace that came was surely a relief! I do believe were not emphasized this careful confession of sin enough — Anyway the revivals that seem to be all over the field seem to be emphasizing this to great blessing. Not necessarily before people at all but a full confession!

We came to Mrs. Wang's here at Kuan Chuang It surely is a "Bethany home". All the family are christian & nothing is too much trouble for the master. They'd emptied out a room

4, fixed tables etc. We had an interesting time with a copper ear-piece with a round receiver fitted onto a tube to put in the ear. Sun, an man who is a Christian went to several of the villages church met the eunuch on the road. The eunuch saw a deaf man on his way & brought him to me for medicine. When we found out about the man, He went to church & called Hear! His nephew will make one for him. It was so sweet yesterday a little old white haired lady 85 yrs. old came to us. She was deaf & it was so sweet to see miss Jan telling her the story thru the ear piece!

This is the time for harvesting peanuts after the crop is gone over the first time it is the custom for anyone who wants to to go with a basket & dig those down in the ground. now the unmarried girls in tens who usually can't leave the courtyard can go out & all that they get they can sell & keep the money for themselves. Daughter-in-laws the ones they go to dig them can't keep the money for themselves! So now the fields are full of people. They get up before sunrise & come back at dark.

This is the place where they built a new little church on their own initiative. It is very nice — whitewashed inside. They a lamp all night but now seats so crowded coming the ground has to half



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sit on the floor + all stand. Really we marvel after a long day in the fields the way they stand for a couple of hours. Last night quite a number of non Christians managed the Bible room. This village is so hard. They have persecuted bitterly those who have believed. Maybe Someone there maybe would like to put a couple or so dollars into this little church for seats? $10 or so Mex would help + be about enuf. The sacrifice of this family in building the church + the willingness + joy of them is beautiful. Their enuf for their use. They are helping their little sometime that they can themselves do it. They haven't mentioned it at all - to me + are very happy to have the church.

Bell Margie at last I was able to arrange for her present to Bessie - Martha W. will mail it from Weihsien to Mrs. S. It ought to arrive in time for Christmas. I'm sure the house does look nice all repainted + reshingled! That's fine. That Board letter saying ~~we~~ would arrived was a cable we all sent to the Board. That way it was cheaper + would reach sooner.

6. The funniest thing happened as we came over
Salt. I met some women on the road & they
said, "Howdy Aged are you", "are you sixty!!
I told them I was 100!! Oh, do thank
Mrs. Mc. Hall for the pictures
I appreciate them so. The pie Peg sent Reeds,
Aah! I shant know what to do with all
9. Lapet answered her Steiner letter yet!
I hope it with me, But there is so little
time really to write, I shall have Lapes Tho,
Will Mary be there this fall & winter or did she
say!

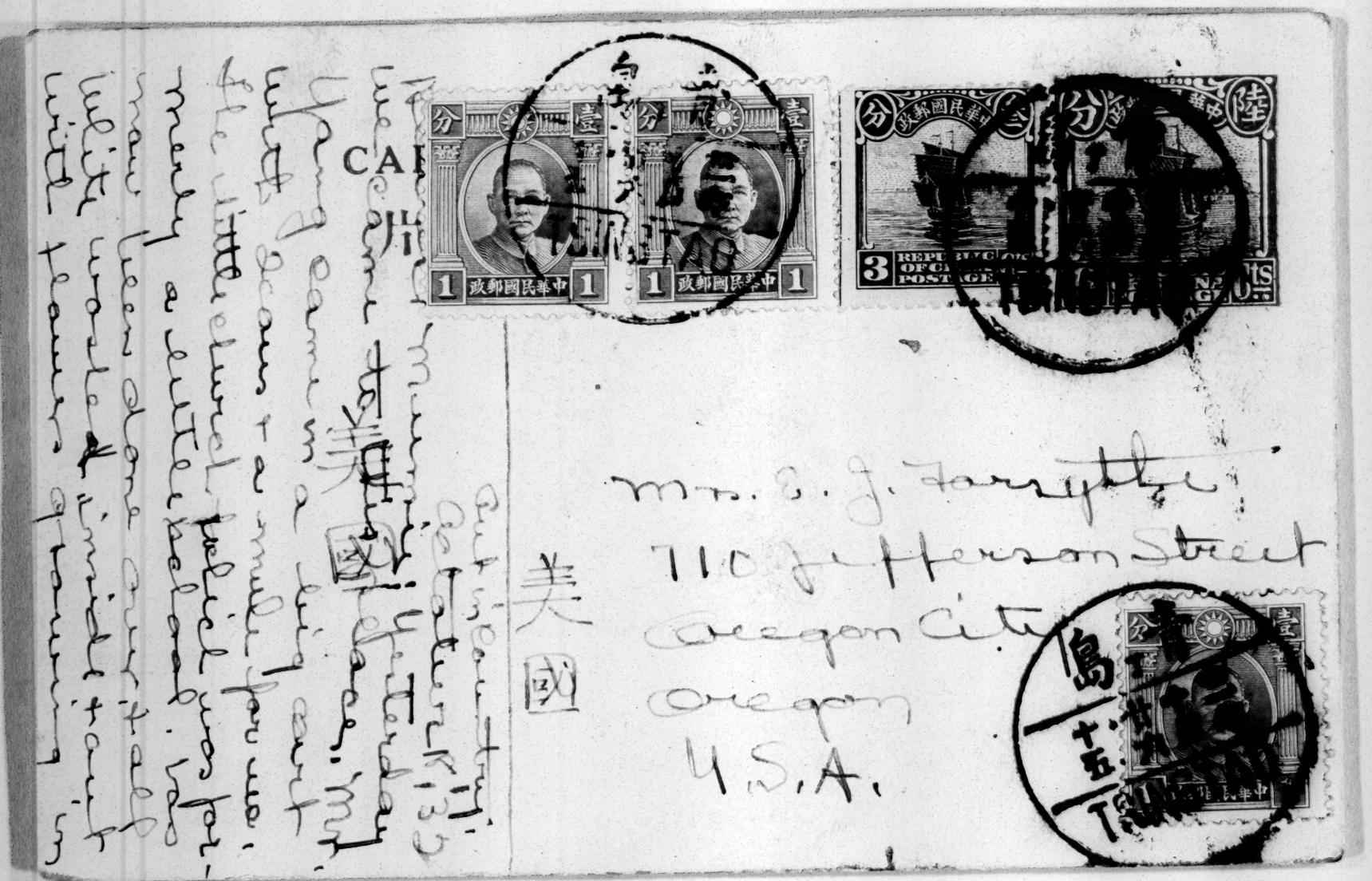
Praise to the Master if your piece of paper will
begin paying!! I'll be so glad, Surely hope that
it will, I cashed your 25 check, — had to
send some money to Shang Lai I'd overdrawn,
on the sum there, By the time I get back
from about January I can begin paying
home I'll be out a debt there at Shang Lai—
mi!! Ha! me & my finances!
I'll enclose a letter to the Board they have
the power of attorney & can sign for me so
if you need my signature send it to them
with the accompanying order,

Matter precious, how grateful I am
for your peace & contentment. I am so glad
to be able to live & visit you so contented
then I can be happy. I hope you will find
greater joy each day— much-much love—
to you my precious mummy dear.
Love — Irene.

the courtyard. We have called our sheets + nails + string to use + have a room in the back end of the church - cook has his table up at front + again we'll set up another home. It is such a joy to come back + see old friends, all the string of sick, lost visit, ~~this~~ ~~evening~~ this morning were back. This village has done away with all the idols in the temple + do not persecute or make fun of the gospel but just don't know or believe it May H.S. keep them from becoming ~~christ~~ ~~in the change~~. Last night a big crowd ~~just as~~ were ~~great~~ + memorized the ~~faith~~ verse + songs.

We go in the morning to a village where there is a pa. So I'll hurry this message on. Much love! We are well + so grateful for the blessing of H.S. on the day's work.

Much love - Irene



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Oregon
U.S.A.

Tsingtao,
November 24, '32

My own Precious Mummie:

Haw!! I seemingly have neglected you! I am so sorry! But I haven't for a single moment forgotten my own precious mummie darey! But circumstances have so come about that I have been unable to write, as you'll see.

We went to Tai Chih Chuang + there was absolutely no time to write. From 4 A.M. & some days earlier we began with prayer meting — classes all morning & afternoon & meting & Bible class every night. As soon as I had a bit of free time I had to prepare for classes — & then too letters written from there were so slow - carried on the northern circuit so I'd get home before the letters would get here, Since coming home the time has been full of guests & Presbytery meeting & entertaining, & being stretched out for a couple days in bed & weary!

That's all my alabi — & I'm sorry to have had your letter delayed.

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Yaung been so great to have letters here for me! Every time a messenger has come in or one ain't there have been letters from yaw & it has been such a joy to have them. & I feel so sorry not to be able to have so many for yaw! There were two from yaw & one from Bud & Bernice & Margil Oct 19. Did yaw ever thank Mr. Hall for the pictures I got them before I went away & returning getting things in order, again I find them. Please to thank him.

Do yaw know Jean & Stella came here & were here a week getting aff interior & I was in the country & didn't even know that they'd come. The coast On his return to Hwo Li Chuang brought a letter from yaw about their visit to Oregon City), also a note from Stella from here & note from Mrs. Dan Bevan that they were her guests here!! I was surely sorry to have missed them! my how glad I am yaw had the nice visit with

3]Hm. You didnt say how long they were there. Of course you expected Stella + me to visit here. I haven't heard since they arrived in Surrey - mrs Dan said Stella was weary + I fear, pretty white after nursing + nothing else to report. Don't worry about not having anything to send me, I have you + that is enough!

The house to come home was a real treat. We were all so weary + the hot water surely has been enjoyed by all. Mrs Clow came from Simo to visit. This is the first I have seen her since my return. I invited her especially for this time, mrs Dan tores her because she bathes such a long time - asks whether she's asleep etc. The cook has had a big tub with his shower in the basement + other too have enjoyed it! The school girls have come + we're surely not cut much hot water up to waste! I feel as long as it is used for others that it isn't a selfish expenditure. Everyone who sees it thinks it quite nice to have it all. Thank you mumsie dear, it

4 would surely be lonely to have you here when I'm home but dear even so I could not entice you to the loneliness! So thank all those who are praying. I'll try to get a report off this time for all of these weeks! They have been glorious! Postage is so high that I wonder about your sending the picture cards! from here there is such terrific Chinese currency that Margie wanted for her mother, mailed to Mrs. Swayne was $1.50 postage. Imagine! (mex)

Miss Claw said please to thank you Eula + Matter for the gifts. Mrs Wang doesn't receive. Miss Claw is so proud of her purse Eula, She said she was just penniless + planned to go to buy one! She loves it. She has the Oregon City one.

I can't understand Ella McHargue. She is that one living at gladstone or near isn't she? Why matter, do you not remember when she + Aunt Callie + Josephine were all cleaning at

5] the things she had to pick of what she wanted. She wanted + I gave to her + daisies + I forget what else but surely enuf. What does she mean, that I didn't give her something before I left? I gave none anything! Anyway I'll send something. I went down this a.m. + couldn't find anything here in ivory I have to send to Korea for amber, + so I'm sending a gold piece in the box of tea that Miss Tan got for you She got it some days ago + has been waiting for me to get the pin to put in. I waited to find something for you all for a Christmas remembrance — I can't send much but want at least a memory of me for you all so I'm getting tea too much dear give some to all so Christmas I'll be with you that much anyway! I wanted something for you especially Minnie dear, but haven't found anything suitable + the mailing is difficult — but all my love goes to you dear ones!!

Well, this is Thanksgiving Day + a clear bright mild day. We are to have church in the chapel

le] I was over for early prayer meeting & they had colored leaves up as decorations. Then all are to gather at Van Leeuwens for a "farm dinner" I'm to send spinach & the cook to go to help with the dinner. The girls are going out to some friends homes,

This morn's meeting of Presbytery was surely a heavenly meeting — a Mr. Yang — quite a popular speaker now who has gone thru a great deal of suffering & persecution led & it was just as a fresh breath to the soul. He spoke very simply of the four living creatures of Rev. saying "Come" & the passage in Jeremiah regarding to Israel's dispersion & of go because go Sin & return vs 31 ch. from all parts of earth His emphasis was on the necessity of cleanliness in the "Come" & that Sin was cause of the "go". Very

Simple but the Spirit of the master Himself was there. Surely this is the time of of great hunger in mens hearts + great answering by the Holy Spirit. We've heard such fine reports of awakenings + revivals all over the country + it surely is a great joy makes me want all the more to want in the country!! Yesterday the second day of the tea had 17 here + such a nice time we had — I do so enjoy having my little home where I can have a little time to meet with them + especially those from the country in whose homes I have been entertained. There are so many I can't do much but anyway we had a nice time of it. Borrowed several tea tables + with mine + borrowed chairs we can seat 21 in my room. First we had tea served, cakes, + candy, then "chao mien" fried noodles with meat + vegetable on top (you've eaten it matter) then a bowl of sweet rice flour balls with nuts, sesame seeds, +

81 wrapped inside. These are boiled & when done they float on top of the water; Each had a bowl of six of the sweet balls in the soup - then more cakes & tea! I had fun getting all the names in the guest book. There is a chinese custom similar to that of ours of "house warming", The chinese expression is to [to build the fire under the Kang (bed)]. Today finishes us the tea & we soon must be off again this time again over the sea to the coast's home. Then back to Huoliehuang Shi Karean pastor Li with his group will be there preceding Christmas 10 days & so will we then have class right after - Oh do pray for this meeting for the elder has gotten so involved in being head man of the village & all involved & mixed up in a lot of affairs that he does tend to the church at all & so is the deacon, It is just about a year of such

of a life & do pray very especially that he may come back to the master. It's taken more taxes too than necessary & gained by it himself. It is just the "love of gain" & do pray for him! Those ute really are the Sarah's He must bring back! That's nice to have the swing for the poor to do! Where should I plant the "glad" bulbs? They have been glad to get the seeds - results? well see.

I'm so glad dear you don't worry about me! Please don't. Leave all in His Hands! Any word from Mary Lee? I must write her! So glad she's gone to Alaska. Good joke on the boys! I.S. No sweetheart I've nothing I need but your prayers! I do pray that miss Stites will be comforted with His blessed comfort! I had for Eula's to Synodical, & you could be there to care for all. - let her go!

Friday P.M. Well at last I've gotten a few minutes to sit at my desk & write this letter. It has worried me

10/ not to be able to get it off. Every day has been so full of meetings + entertaining calls it's been the time for Presbytery! Today is the last day we want the girls + J to Mr. Conrads' for breakfast hoping to get the schedule for rest of the years made out but we had to go over to report on the work at the meeting + that took up most of a.m. We finished up just before + after lunch + now I'm staying home from a meeting to write this.

Today another letter from you came Mumsie dear with Paolo's in it + the further news of Belle - I surely am sorry about her condition! Looks rather bad. That was a nice surprise 2 doz. tankies. Sorry about Molly. Is that Maning Home in Portland on which Mrs. Norman spoke that day. Are they paying for her entrance or is she?

Thanksgiving Day yesterday - seemed almost like one at home we went to

11] church in the Pres. chapel. It was decorated with autumn leaves + had the flag in front. The ministers all on the platform with the American consul to read the proclamation. I'll enclose the program. I ate all American things. had dinner at Van Lauen's — had one big long table + all the courses put on the table at once. It was surely nice. I had to fix spinach only to take. We had all we could eat then. Had a walk with Clara Sullivan of the Lutheran mission + discussed our work etc! She is just moving in from Tsimo to Tsingtao for mission work here in the city. I hurried home to finish my last tea group. With tea tables + chairs crowded I can get 21 in my room. Not so worse for it. Last night we went to an evangelistic meeting + I had to lead this morning's Presbytery Prayer group! Will be leaving about Sun I think again for the coast's home to be gone till the middle of Dec.

12, See I've repeated — this letter has been in such installments.

Ray have you been seeing the wild + very unfair reports of the Laymans missionary fact finding commission. A letter from Dr. Scott today to Mr. Van say that the rather striking parts have been printed widely + do not even represent the full report. Even it surely is not fair at all in its decision. The facts do not at all tally with what they have given. They were many of them sent by Rockefellers (supporters of Riverside Church) about representatives many boards - ours included. It included India also - maybe what was said is true of India in hospitals but not of China. I know one woman in Foochow interviewed Mr. Scott for about 20 min. about work for women in Swatow + spent most of it talking about her own family. Many have talk of this committee work as anything but a real investigation. It seems a pity because it

[13] come at a time when missions have hard enuf sledding! The part that is worse is the decision that evangelism is not the goal of missions & the plan to include all religions as a basis. I'll be interested in what you know of it or think of it Ray? The Shanghai Evening Post - a big non-Christian paper had a pretty good answering editorial soon after the report came out!

I must tell you of the trip home from Taichil Chuang. Of all the trips I've had! This is the funniest & was in many ways hardest tho not so tragic as it might have been. We got to one narrow stone bridge & the mule pulling the first barrow, was frightened by the water & just backed off of it, fortunately they unhitched him quickly & the barrow didn't go in! all our baskets, cases etc would have been a mess! Then our barrow tipped over - no one hurt, at all. The one Miss Law was on came just within a few inches of going over a precipice - they held it & the mule stood still till the coolie got there to help

14] out! Mr. Tan (a blind man) tipped over twice + barnes broke!! Just one thing after another! Barely made the train + then it waited a long time! We got home to find the victuals missing + had to wait an hr. to get the key to get inside the house. Then after a night of being sorry about the victuals + praying that we not lose "things" to much. — ("Miss Jan wept over its loss) + trying to decide where it was lost like it came out that the blind man had an extra package in his bedroll + it was the victuals! It was a good weight surely to see it again!

The class of 3 weeks of Sai Lik Chiang surely was a joy. There were 20 from outside churches + villages They were so enthusiastic over all + surely an unusual spirit prevaded all. Lloyd come anywhere from 4- to 4:30 + me 9 a.m. 3 o'clock to the morning prayer meeting — classes all day + again in the evening! The rubber valley

Hall was so much fun as well as the
girls class. The Bible class in the
evening the men had a chance to
attend only as they were still busy
planting garlic. That is grown here in
great quantities. We were invited to
all the homes & had a real welcome
indeed! Several families (2 who had
really left Christ to the extent of
having had a heathen wedding
ceremony came back & the man
confessed his sins. Several families
the still need prayer & love to win
them back. There were a number of
real conversions, with confessions of sin
& public confession of sin & new resolutions
last night of the meeting was surely
precious. Here again our emphasis
was on Bible memorization & feel that
the results show that that is
the needed emphasis. Some girls came
from the places we'd visited & they
will come back again for more

(6) study at Hua Li Chuang. Mrs. Chi has some empty room so they all lived there with her. Sheckurch members gave the fuel, salty vegetable & grain for the gruel. Each brought her own flour for bread. I have never seen such visible results of preaching & work as in this class. Surely the spirit is at work in a marvelous way these days. I only pray to be an empty clean vessel for His glory! How wonderful it is to be able to work for Him. & it's so wonderful to have such a nice family & dear ones who are so faithful at home! Mr. Coonradt said today "I just know your mother is wonderful" & I surely did tell him too how wonderful you are It's dark & I must close now & get this off. I'm so sorry to be so long writing,

Must must love, Irene

Hope
Monday P.M.
Nov. 28

Dearest mumie mine!

Just a note, this morning early. The tea is all wrapped ready to go. Mr Tan, a nephew will mail it for us as he works in P.O.

Miss Tan is sending you a package of tea matter, It is really lovely Hope its odor will not have gone in the time of the trip. In her box we put the little jade pin which I had made. If you still feel Ella McHargue should have it all right give it to her. Do as you like maybe I'm mixed & didn't give Ella Mc, but if She is the one who was there the Sun the Chine spoke & did! Do as you think best about it, Also in this tea is a little package of silver-alloy rickshas, elephants, carts- (to - the boys & Margie one each) & let Eula sell (or give) the others to the little boys there who wanted to buy the wooden models & I

I couldnt set them how them. The boys will know. The tea from me is for all of you for Christmas. I am sorry not to be able to send a great deal to you but this with its fragrance will at least remind you of me!

Today we go! The last boat one that goes quite near the shore leaves tonight or early a.m. so we just must hustle, to get off. Will be back here about Dec. 12 + then out till last of January.

Mother, I'll enclose my report letter. Could you type it for the 1. Portland Calvary Presbyterian Church. 2. Sutton Creek Pres. + 3. Seaneck church, 4. Edit + send them copies of the enclosed films, Also get a copy of each to send to the Board + a copy of the report too to the Board, + return the films. I thought I'd try to use the Hectograph but I find it is unusable. I wont try to send to all of the

names on the list this time but want to send to the supporting churches. I guess if you send the Calvary Pres. report to Miss Samberson in Portland she will read it to the Board, you have her address but I'll repeat it Miss Avoz S. Samberson 395½ Clifton Street, Portland, Ore. I'm not sending Christmas cards but I'll enclose a few in this which you may enclose to them when you are writing. It is so nice of you dear to do all this for me. Thank you just heaps. This day will be a rush in a lot of ways. The girls have been to our early prayer meeting + are back now we must get breakfast over + off on errands

Much love dearest,

Irene

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1 December 23
Iu Chia, Pingtu.

Dearest Mumsie Mine + Saved Ones :-

This is Christmas Sunday after church. Miss Li is practising a song with a girl, Miss Law reading while we are waiting for dinner. The usual distractions are on ——— So your letter may not be very coherent — I am rather hazy as to when I last wrote. It was the first few days of Saw Shih Li Pu I guess too. Anyway it is time for another. Today I'll try to get it done + sent from here if not not till after Wed. when I have a chance.

The days at Saw Shih Li Pu were busy every minute — Three meetings a day. That place had formerly over 100 baptized at once — They were truly "rice Christians only the 'rice' was bread. At time of famine quite a lot of money was given out + bread given to those who came to church —— They built a big church on mostly the foreigners money — Before long - the money stuff + bread was not given so they great numbers just ceased to believe! We tried to find them but couldn't even find them. There were a handful of christians left but very uncertain of their salvation, no real experience of Christ + just in name only —— no church Services. From the first night non-christians came in great numbers - Between 200 + 300 every night for the 12 days we were there. As at other places we began with Bible verses on sin + stayed right on this subject + necessity of repentance + proof of conversion in a changed life + habits.

the first days the christians attended taller literally, sometimes there + sometimes not; after five days — the first few days Miss Law was not well so Miss Hua + I had the responsibility. I fear she carried most of it — My how the Holy Spirit did fill + use her as she held that crowd night after night; after Miss Law was well I spend three days just in prayer — going only at night — for them. There was guidance one day to fast + pray. This was the first time I ever have fasted really. I had decided that the noon meal I'd fast — an old lady had made "poo tzu" for us so could-nit refuse — So evening meal time I spent out in the courtyard (There was just not place for quiet) behind the Kaoliang — I do praise the Master for the experience. That verse in Revelation about 'hidden manna' + Jesus saying that He has "bread to eat that they didnt know about" came with a new force. Those few days with Jesus in prayer were blessed. Then the Spirit did break thru. The last three days we were busy every minute out of meeting time praying with them. There were precious times then. In a near by south village were a few Baptists — one old lady for years an evangelist — had three few months fought with her sister-in-law + they were'nt on speaking terms. She said she'd confessed a few minor sounding sins but never down to the dregs. She came + came thru to a real experience of christ love + forgiveness. Most of the little group —

3 [Emperor's paper] That way of the paper was inconvenient sitting on the Kang writing on my knees] at last had an awakening. One man who sells the paper that is burned before idols at the various markets till the end avoided the meeting or couldn't sit thru one & still is putting that idol in his heart before the Master An old shoe-mender's non-Christian wife & daughter who had persecuted him to hanging up the ancestor's scroll at New Years had come in confession. Her sister-in-law had when she came to be a bride been so opposed the Christianity that she tore up pictures & song books etc & made a regular fiend of herself - She then became possessed of a demon & for twenty years had a shrine to "Teacher Hsu" that was the demon's name & was a leader of a "pu sa" - a woman idol's name, a Buddha sect. We went to see her & told her of a woman who had cleared out her shrine. She said "Why to clear that out is easy" — & before we knew what she was about she had grabbed it off the wall & had torn it in four pieces &

5] of the next. We went on home. The next a.m. she didn't come to the church so Miss Law + Hsu went to see her while I took the service. Her husband that stopped her taking it, saying that she shouldn't change. She had it all wrapped up + shrine cleared out. While they waited + after they'd persuaded her husband she took it back. She came too later in confession of sin + made public profession of belief. Funny - she said she'd been baptized - all the rest said she'd not been. Had she said she'd not been baptized we'd likely have passed her by but anyway she's come thru + that demon shrine cleared out. The old shoe-mender was just overjoyed! There were a number of non-christians came, 10 all together non-christians + over twenty all together came, the elders + family + all the baptized ones but one (the paper seller—) Surely God is powerful — the valley of bones can live again!
She'd not had any collections for

4] and thrown it behind the mules manger. There was a crowd of neighbors watching but in spite of that the rumor went out later that we tore it up. Sleid used the demon for earning money. Sleid smoke a pipe + then call out "Leader How has come up". Those with various diseases would be told to burn so much paper + incense + of course Sleid have to leave some money for the woman + at festival times when all have a few extra bits or special food Sleid take her some. Once the demon came on- + she told a certain relative that her mother was dying - had committed suicide — the woman got outside men to go in the middle of the night - to go to see + her mother was asleep + well + is still alive, From that time this old lady's "heavens lagged"! She promised to take the scroll of Buddhas + cymbals + incense burners back next day to the alter members

6 Some years + no Sunday services.
They took up a collection for a church
bell, needed very badly, as there
no time pieces + there's a school
in the church. They never knew when
to go for services so for the $3 bell
they collected $7.00. That bit left
over to be used on repairs —
It was a rejoicing group that
we left last Tuesday A. M.
They brought us this ~~this~~ place,

The conversion of Mrs. Li was most
striking. She was there the first P. M
at the time we stayed
+ didn't miss many meetings. From the
first prayed humbly for Jesus to
come into her heart. After a few
days she kept asking — "Is
he[illegible] + receive Jesus" We kept
telling her to listen keep on
"Jesus you make me to know my sin"
+ praying
Finally one noon she came in —
first almost sick — "I've waited a
day + half + you have'nt given
me time to pray — I must have
Jesus." We questioned her to assure

[7] + she was truly under deep conviction
of the mess of sin she got out -
+ the relief + joy. That night she
witnessed. The lady in whose home
we lived doubted this Mrs. Sis
sincerity + asked if certain
well-known scandal. She had
+ when we said so this Mrs. P'w
said "Well, well" - so slid going to
believe!! Same old doubting
of others - like Simon of the
woman who anointed Jesus.
This Mrs P'w couldn't resist
much longer + she got hers all
poured out! The next day Mrs.
Si wasn't happy said she'd taught
of more sins - we weren't free then
to pray with her but before the
P.M. meeting she came + just
rolled on to the King in real
We couldn't let her suffer on
so prayed with her + from the
all A.K. Strange, is it to you,
this extreme physical reaction
with sin conviction. It is as
common as can be. Here years

(3) near! Non-christians so convicted! ¢
Well here at Su Chia — again resist-
ance, coldness + rain + all to
fight thru; This town has one
very rich family - christians + one
poor man — none of rest of his
family believe. A man, now a leper
will not confess that he ever believed
tho he was baptized. We live in this
rich man's home — a south section
of three rooms — new, high, brick
rooms all Kalsomined white inside
have a swivel leather chair for
luxury. He's an elder, in early years
has suffered from the church in
way of education etc. He's
he's running a brewery almost —
makes a very strong wine to
sell — He has been an official
+ teacher. Rev. Kuo came here last
New Year + saw him have up the
paper god of wealth on the north
wall with offering before it —
There are 3 very fierce dogs
watch dogs — by grace of
the Master from first lawsuit

[28] without it — would be willing to get to end of face + all to be willing to just empty out all the filth of years. Without the very evident power of Holy Spirit + it's not done that is all I am student at Kuo Chia Chuang — had said to herself — There's no such thing as Holy Spirit's convicting till one can't move — so just let Him convict me. I'll Glad few days she's was pretty good in writing — went on — to Sanshih Li P.M. She came too. Said avoid like poison for fear would ask her about her sins — She got so she couldn't sleep nor eat — wanted to go home but just couldn't go She said she was just held — finally she surely made a clean breast + full surrender

It is the way the Holy Spirit is just griping people + the hunger of hearts + unusual power of conviction that makes me feel that surely Christ's return is

10/ even noticed either us nor the cook — but after come they just attack them & bite — There's no proper place to meet here. Two days we meet in street & crowds of non-Christians came. Flew rained two days. Flat & fierce dogs kept non-Christians away. The family have been more or less indifferent about meting but we got them in even the elder for 2 meetings [illegible] rainy days. Guests & all manner of distractions have come — Praise to Him tho — today Sunday — there seems a breaking thru. They're not so smug today & elder has been to two services. A guest to table & they were having wine so can't tell about tonite. All but the Master did give himself for this P.M service. It was unusual a power outside of me absolutely. Miss Hsu is speaking tonite — I have chance to send letter in Tsingtao tomorrow so I'll have to write it.

11 We saw the incense burners today behind some coffins, It is no good to come out openly yet. If Holy Spirit doesn't convict from within our speaking would only fail. Well we know the Lord sent us here It is His work + He must fulfill His will, He will too I feel sure. To pray for this man Mr. Yang. Hsin Tang.

Youll wonder about Christmas. These three churches Kuo Chia Chuang, San Shih Li Pu, + Lu Chia all are going to unite at Kuo Chia Chuang Some have never celebrated Christmas even as Christians + of course these new ones haven't. We plan each to take our bread. Many will be coming from these distant places. Someone there will make a gruel drink We there are giving pork + chinese lettuce for vegetable, We'll all eat in the church together at noon after morning service

13] the interested in him — has made him feel he just can't be nice enuf to those who helped him. He had tears in his eyes when we left & has been so solicitous over us ever since. I made candy yesterday — (my old Christmas custom the very simple fudge, peanut brittle & panoche) & will wrap him a package. Spect first in his life he'll have had one care enuf to give him candy ——

I'll tell you more about this later. The elder here consented to go to the service Sunday — We felt a bit encouraged, at that, the day we came here old Mr. Hus waited at home a half day to meet us as said go thru & maybe bring us on over himself. We didn't go thru the village tho & after he heard said we'd walked most of way here he was quite upset!

12 & afternoon they're planned a play. Then we'll all come back here in the rich man's cart — pulled by a big yellow ox & a big black mule!! — — —

Early tomorrow Mr. Kuo — the uncle of the pastor who has just believed of whom I wrote before is coming for us to go early one day to plan everything. It is quite touching. He's seventy or over. Came a few days ago to plan, about how we'd go. We said we'd walk but he'd not agree at all & said for us not to take food; he'd provide for us. A lifetime of sorrow & disappointment left alone with none to care for him, the pastor's family haven't been too good to him either — now to be free of burden of sin & to feel someone has cared about him enough to pray with

14 I surely hope Buds card reached him! I mailed it direct to him. You'll have Christmas with Eula + Roy will you? Spank the boys for me! I know they'll need it! Have you used the bed jacket? How do you like your new home Mumsie? Have your $20 pension yet! Seems wild eh? I hope you get it, honey dear,

You might drop Rev. Giles a card ~~Calvary Baptist Portland~~ ask him to give ~~me~~ to the church, written to ~~me~~ him before I knew of her ~~mail~~ to the Board office in Portland, I meant it for them + for Board as she was my correspondent. Now I'll not have time to get a letter there for February letters I fear. I sent my new correspondents name + address out here, but they'll know. I sent the letter to Rev. Giles,

Must close now — I dread so much to write [illegible] I must get this off now —

Much much love to my precious Mumsie Minpall —

Irene

Dec. 16'32

Dearest Mumsie;
Back from Cook's & write later of that
Back just in time to meet in Local Council no
& local had any time these two days to
do more than this report etc;
Mrs. Coonradt will type the report &
send a copy on to you; Yours enclosing
that folder with a mention of a printing
machine that Ed McCalmont had made
& the Leaneak request to do something for
me made me wonder. Suppose you write
Ed & Mabel & ask them frankly about
this proposition. I know of nothing of
more real help to me than this.
Suggest that he might by using Psychology
Students in his class to do the work &
type the copy & envelopes & use his machine
to print 100 copies twice a year, &
then if the Society wants to bear the expense
of paper & stamps that would be great!
If not I could bear it if he could &
manage the printing etc. I hate to
impose further on Mr. Miller & it's too
much for you to type letters, I thought
if you'd type these names & you make
it complete from the list of questioned
ones. Let me have 5 copies of letter for China, &
maybe returned ones O.K. But you first

write to see whether they can manage it
or will. If can't then just Type
Enuf for Seaneck one, Calvary one,
Southern Area Pies, one + South Orange
+ let it go.

Mrs. C. will mail the letter to you
later, In the meantime this name list
is as complete as I know.

Getting off again in the morning
till the last of January!

The box of candy + nuts from Eula was
a treat. I just ate a little but of
candy will take that with us for
Christmas. Thanks so, it brought such sweet love
from you precious ones!

Sorry no more time to write.

Much love to all!!

Bye — Irene

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Why must church give him up? Divorce? God can change an old element with us down the coast —— baptized as a child, christian family —— over 40 years eating opium, drinking, gambling + all the list! Shucks ½ years ago he went to revival meeting poured out his sins in confession + asked forgiveness + even odor of tabacco now nauseates him! No opium + no drink since that day! Just numbers like him! If ~~anyone~~ can call that a moral conversion — Hats beyond me — Elder Ting says himself he's born again by blood of Christ! Praise God he can still change men's hearts + lives!

The fact that the essence of the group's emphasis is just what has been here before they ever heard of the groups three years in the revival is what makes me not doubt the work of Holy Spirit in it! Roy pray for you the more than a fanatical attitude often has found new power + new witnessing power — it doesn't matter under whatever name it come that's neither here nor there — but if there's a new work of Holy Spirit for men I want it + want it for you too!

Yes Ray, we can argue about belief-till death + maybe in all mtns Christ —

I am very interested in what you say of the new Board — Thanks lots. So far I feel as you + it doesn't concern us here yet anyway. It's still going on after the spanking it got? Surely sad about the Seoma split! How the heart of Christ must hurt thru all of His Body's Splits + quarrels! God give us all a new heart of love!

Thanks for your advice! Ray I am rejoicing that Romehill is mine + that it is coming more + more a reality — oh precious love of God for us!

I've not lost my sense of humor else I'd black your eye for calling me like Malcolm II ha — It was nice to know I was missed this summer! I missed you all to be sure! Bay in long pants!! I'm getting old I guess! I hope depression treats you better this year + that you do write again. Don't need to wait to settle all matters of universe at one sitting! I'm writing matter + family too but do so appreciate all that you are + do for matter — Say are you praying for a man for me? I'm not in Japan because he isn't int! Sorry to be a disappointment! But you know you spoiled one! Ha Don't worry over sense of humor — it's my life — save many times —

Much love to all my O.C. friends + thanks to you + sincerely!